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Only those members of the Guild of Saint Elizabeth who followed the children of the nursing-class into their homes could realize to what intelligent use they put their new knowledge in trying to improve, or at least to counteract, the conditions of their unsanitary surroundings. Windows that seemed nailed down were suddenly opened, waste-pipes were flushed with boiling lye, and the baby's illness was traced to the odorous refuse barrel in the back yard.

Although the close of the play-school put an end to the children's lectures, the coöperation of trained nurses and social settlements could go on indefinitely so long as there are young wives to be instructed in the new duties for which they are so pathetically unprepared, and older mothers to be reluctantly weaned from the fatalistic customs of pre-historic times.

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## NURSES' SETTLEMENT

By LILLIAN D. WALD

THE Nurses' Settlement proposes to offer to certain training-schools having, or planning to have, the three-years' course the opportunity to give their pupils training in district work. We feel an obligation to the profession to help those devoted to its interests to develop this important phase of trained nursing. There are many arguments for bringing this into the hospital curriculum. All the responsibility of the sick poor has not been assumed unless a share is taken in the problem of efficient treatment in their homes, and the numerous inquiries that come to the Settlement from educators and graduated nurses show that many of the best thinkers in the profession are interested in the subject. The frequent demand for nurses who have had any experience in it is another reason. Details of the training for pupil nurses are not yet concluded. Roughly outlined, a pupil nurse having had two years' training within the hospital would be eligible for this special training, the hospital agreeing to send the nurse or nurses promised to the Settlement. Each nurse to have no less than two months' training, to reside in her own school, reporting at the Settlement at eight o'clock in the morning, and going back to the school for her dinner (evening) and bed.

The nurses will have the supervision and instruction in their work in the tenements of one of the experienced nurses of the Settlement. Besides professional experience and instruction it is proposed to supplement the work by demonstrations of methods in charity distribution and fresh-air work, with which a nurse must so often combine her labors.